



News from

INTERIM MAYOR TODD GLORIA

City of San Diego ■ District Three

Dear Friends,

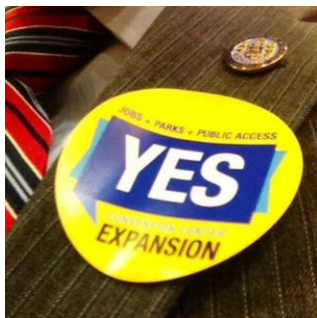
It's been a busy three weeks since my last e-blast communication and there is much in the way of good news to report. Here are some of the highlights. Earlier this month, I traveled to Washington, D.C. for a number of successful meetings to lobby for resources, funding and solutions for San Diego. Last week, we saw the passage of the Convention Center expansion by the California Coastal Commission. Finally, I am working with my Council colleagues on getting appointments made to our City's numerous boards and commissions. All of these stack up as wins for San Diego from both economic and community standpoints. Much more work remains, and I am enthusiastic about additional accomplishments ahead.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Todd Gloria
Interim Mayor

Convention Center Expansion



Last Thursday the Coastal Commission approved plans for the expansion of the Convention Center. This is tremendous news for San Diego! This expansion will create 7,000 new, permanent jobs, result in an estimated economic impact of \$700 million a year, and will make San Diego more competitive in its ability to attract additional conventions. I am grateful to so many stakeholders who worked collaboratively to get this project approved.

Representing You in Washington, D.C.

I traveled to Washington, D.C. the first week of October with my Council colleagues Mark Kersey and Lorie Zapf as part of a delegation organized by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. It was a very busy and productive three days despite the government shutdown which occurred on my second day there. I had a meeting with the Smithsonian Institute's Assistant Secretary Claudine Brown and her staff regarding the Smithsonian's traveling, educational exhibits that might be available for loan for 2015 Centennial Celebration of the Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park. We also discussed the possibility of partnering on a TedX-type speakers program. This was my third meeting in one year with representatives from the Smithsonian in preparation for the 2015 celebration. To learn more about the San Diego Balboa Park Centennial 2015 and how you can become involved, visit www.balboapark.org.

I also had a positive meeting with Senators Boxer and Feinstein about the Point Loma Wastewater permit. Both senators pledged their help with ongoing discussions with the Environmental Protection Agency in advance of the permit's 2015 expiration. While in D.C., I was pleased to support the Safe and Secure Border Infrastructure bill just introduced by Congressman Scott Peters. I also met with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus and expressed my condolences for last month's Navy Yard shooting. I shared with Secretary Mabus my belief that San Diego is the best place for any future realignments or relocation of forces.

I continued my advocacy for the Mid-Coast trolley extension to members of Congress and the Department of Transportation. Finally, I met with our lobbyists who recently became re-engaged to represent San Diego's interests on Capitol Hill. I made it clear to everyone I met that San Diego is back in business and will vigorously compete for funding and resources.



\$200 Million Bike Plan Approved

I am delighted to report that the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program (Bike EAP) was recently approved by the Board of Directors of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The Bike EAP plan, which includes \$200 million of bicycle infrastructure projects for the San Diego region, will make biking a safe and enjoyable transportation alternative throughout San Diego. Strengthening our active transportation network supports healthier people and a healthier environment. Included in the Bike EAP are approximately \$35 million of projects in the mid-city neighborhoods of San Diego, enhancements of the Coastal Rail Trail in the northern area of the region, additions to the San Diego River Trail, and further work on the popular Bayshore Bikeway. For additional information on the Bike EAP visit, http://sandag.org/uploads/meetingid/meetingid_3488_16569.pdf.

Insurance for Water and Sewer Lines

You may recently have received a solicitation in the mail regarding the partnership the City has formed with the Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA). SLWA provides a warranty program to insure a homeowner's water and sewer lines. Most homeowners are unaware they are responsible for costs to repair those lines in the event they fail. As a reference point, the approximate life span of a PVC pipe is 75 years. You are under no obligation to purchase this insurance. I've posted some helpful information on my website that you can check out [here](#).

Boards and Commissions

I am pleased to report we are making great strides in filling vacancies on the City's various boards and commissions. When I assumed office on August 30, I learned my predecessor had stalled on making appointments which left us with almost 200 vacancies in dire need of filling. My Council colleagues have been prompt in responding to my requests for nominations of qualified San Diegans to sit on these boards and commissions. I am grateful for their shared sense of urgency in getting these appointments made. If you would like additional information, click [here](#).

Microbrews with the Interim Mayor

As part of my ongoing commitment to you, I periodically invite neighbors to coffee or cocktail gatherings to learn what's on their minds and answer questions about City business. Please join me Thursday, October 17, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at [Hess Brewing](#) for Microbrews with the Interim Mayor. Hess is located at 3812 Grim Avenue in North Park. Please contact Eric Magruder at ericmagruder@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

Back To The Future



I recently received this picture along with a thoughtful e-mail from one of my volunteer co-workers from the 1992 Clinton Presidential campaign. I was just 14 years old and beginning my journey into politics when he snapped this photo. He currently lives in Cincinnati and it was great to hear from him after all these years!

A Giant Thank You To Walt Ekard

As you may know, the City's Chief Operating Officer, Walt Ekard, will be returning to his private life at the end of this month. Walt stepped in as the City's COO earlier this year and has done a remarkable job leading our City through both turmoil and transition. Walt worked closely and successfully with the City's Assistant COO, Scott Chadwick, who will take over as COO. I cannot thank Walt enough for his service to our City.

New Home for Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy



The Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy recently moved to Pacific Beach, and I was able to join San Diego Unified Superintendent Cindy Marten and Principal Edward Park to celebrate a great new start for an innovative and culturally diverse public school. At its opening celebration on September 27, I proclaimed it *Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy Day* in the City of San Diego.

What Home Means To Me



Last week, Councilmember Zapf and I proclaimed October to be *Housing America Month* in the City of San Diego to recognize the great work of the San Diego Housing Commission. Under the leadership of Rick Gentry, the Commission provides housing opportunities to low and moderate income families. Here we are pictured with some of the children who participated in the “What Home Means To Me” essay and artwork contest. You can see a video about it [here](#).

Operation Samahan Gala



I attended the Operation Samahan Gala and was pleased to present a proclamation to Joel San Juan.

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